



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **\*MACARTHUR MAZE/580 DECK COLLAPSE\* ALTERNATE ROUTES AND COMMUTE INFO**

**4 a.m., Emeryville** – Caltrans Director Will Kempton is encouraging Bay Area commuters to carpool and ride public transit today following the gasoline tanker fire that destroyed a portion of the Macarthur Maze on early Sunday morning. The westbound I-80 connector to southbound I-880 (Richmond to San Jose) and the eastbound I-80 to eastbound I-580 (San Francisco to Stockton) connectors are closed.

“While this is a tragic occurrence, it’s fortunate that this will not impact all commuters who travel through the Maze,” said Kempton. “Still, there is an approximate combined total of 80,000 vehicles that go through those two ramps on an average annual daily basis, and we do expect delays on other freeways.”

Motorists traveling between Richmond and San Jose should take the eastbound I-580 connector from westbound I-80, then the westbound I-980 connector through downtown Oakland to return to southbound I-880.

Motorists traveling between San Francisco and Stockton should use southbound US 101 to the San Mateo-Hayward Bridge/Route 92 eastbound, then northbound I-880 to eastbound I-238.

Motorists traveling to Walnut Creek should take eastbound I-80 to southbound I-880 to the West Grand Avenue exit, onto city streets to return to eastbound 24 along Northgate Avenue.

All other ramps at the Maze are open. Twenty-three changeable message signs and seven highway advisory radios have been activated in the Bay Area, Sacramento and Stockton areas.

Additionally, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger issued an emergency declaration that, in part, authorizes emergency funding to provide free transit services in the Bay Area today.

Further information about free transit can be found by calling 511 or visiting this link:

<http://www.511.org/promo/baybridge/accident.asp>

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